

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand)
)
of the Educator Certificate of)
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Samuel Pough,)
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Certificate 189277)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 10, 2005. On April 21, 2004, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of South Carolina educator certificate 189277 to Mr. Samuel Pough, by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Pough received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing his name. Mr. Pough has now agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) notice of the public reprimand will be sent to all school districts in South Carolina, and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand.

Samuel
Pough
189277

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Pough holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over six years of teaching experience. He was under contract as a physical education teacher/coach at Bowman Middle/High School with Orangeburg Consolidated District Five (District) for the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Pough resigned on January 12, 2004, following allegations that he had altered receipts in an effort to misappropriate approximately two hundred dollars in field trip funds.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and dishonesty. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that the information presented establishes just cause to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Pough on the agreed upon terms and conditions.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

August 10, 2005

I, Samuel Pough, SC Educator Certificate 189277, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

Date

/S/ Samuel Pough
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